

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claim 33 is requested to be cancelled.

Claims 32 and 34 are currently being amended.

No claims are being added.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-32 and 34-44 are now pending in this application.

The Examiner issued a First Office Action on September 16, 2005. The Examiner allowed claims 1-31 and 36 to 44. The Examiner rejected independent claim 32 and claims 33-35 which depend therefrom as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) by U.S. Pat. No. 5,546,477 issued to Knowles et al. (“Knowles”). The Examiner indicated that claims 33 and 34 would be allowable if rewritten independent form.

Applicants hereby are amending the application in accordance with the principles of the present invention and the Examiner’s guidance. Applicants have cancelled claim 33, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten, and incorporated the limitation of former claim 33 into independent claim 32. Applicants submit that claims 32, 34, and 35 are now allowable.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1450. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1450. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1450.

Respectfully submitted,

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